

SAN JOSE-SUNNYVALE-SANTA CLARA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(SAN BENITO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES)
Seasonal factors affect job scene

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Between November and December 2005, total wage and salary employment in the South Bay counties of San Benito and Santa Clara decreased by 1,000 jobs to reach 867,500.

- Construction fell seasonally by 1,300 jobs, with more than three-fourths of the drop occurring in specialty trade contractors. Total farm employment also posted a loss of 1,300 jobs over the month.
- Government saw a 1,200-job shortfall as local public schools cut back and private schools reduced payrolls (down 200 jobs) for the winter break.
- Trade, transportation and utilities picked up 2,100 jobs seasonally, with a net gain in retail trade (up 2,300 jobs) more than offsetting a dip in wholesale trade (down 200 jobs).
- Professional and business services added 900 jobs, with two-thirds of the increase occurring in employment services, which includes temporary agencies.

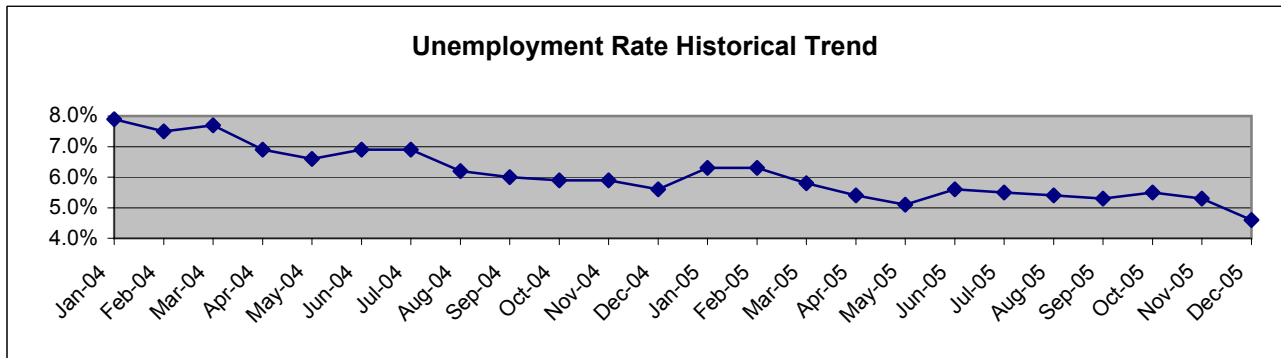
Between December 2004 and December 2005, industry employment in the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA, which also includes San Benito County, grew by 2,900 jobs or 0.3 percent.

- Government led the way, adding 1,600 jobs over the year, largely in local government education.
- Information continued to add jobs on a year-over basis (up 700 jobs), as software publishers, Internet service providers and Web search portals expanded.
- Manufacturing registered a net gain of 600 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods, which includes food and chemical manufacturing. Electronic computer manufacturing climbed by 1,800 jobs from last December.
- Leisure and hospitality reported a net loss of 900 jobs, as a decrease in arts, entertainment and recreation more than offset a significant gain in accommodation.

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Industry	Nov-2005	Dec-2005	Change		Dec-2004	Dec-2005	Change
Total Jobs	868,500	867,500	(1,000)		864,600	867,500	2,900
Farm Jobs	6,600	5,300	(1,300)		5,300	5,300	0
Nonfarm Jobs	861,900	862,200	300		859,300	862,200	2,900
Natural Resources and Mining	200	200	0		200	200	0
Construction	41,800	40,500	(1,300)		40,600	40,500	(100)
Manufacturing	169,800	170,200	400		169,600	170,200	600
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	131,700	133,800	2,100		133,700	133,800	100
Information	34,200	34,500	300		33,800	34,500	700
Financial Activities	35,400	35,700	300		35,300	35,700	400
Professional and Business Services	164,100	165,000	900		165,300	165,000	(300)
Educational and Health Services	96,700	96,400	(300)		95,900	96,400	500
Leisure and Hospitality	66,300	65,400	(900)		66,300	65,400	(900)
Other Services	25,100	25,100	0		24,800	25,100	300
Government	96,600	95,400	(1,200)		93,800	95,400	1,600

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality

Data may not add due to rounding

Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

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	Dec 04	Oct 05	Nov 05 Revised	Dec 05 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	846,400	861,600	854,700	854,200	-0.1%	0.9%
Civilian Employment	799,200	814,600	809,300	814,900	0.7%	2.0%
Civilian Unemployment	47,300	47,000	45,400	39,300	-13.4%	-16.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%		
Total, All Industries (2)	864,600	869,200	868,500	867,500	-0.1%	0.3%
Total Farm	5,300	7,600	6,600	5,300	-19.7%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	859,300	861,600	861,900	862,200	0.0%	0.3%
Total Private	765,500	765,900	765,300	766,800	0.2%	0.2%
Goods Producing	210,400	213,200	211,800	210,900	-0.4%	0.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	40,600	43,100	41,800	40,500	-3.1%	-0.2%
Residual-Building, Develop & Gen Cont & Hvy C	10,900	11,200	11,000	10,700	-2.7%	-1.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	29,700	31,900	30,800	29,800	-3.2%	0.3%
Building Equipment Contractors	11,300	12,300	11,700	11,500	-1.7%	1.8%
Building Finishing Contractors	10,000	10,700	10,300	9,600	-6.8%	-4.0%
Residual-Other Specialty Trade Contract	8,400	8,900	8,800	8,700	-1.1%	3.6%
Manufacturing	169,600	169,900	169,800	170,200	0.2%	0.4%
Durable Goods	157,600	157,500	157,400	157,800	0.3%	0.1%
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	10,100	10,700	10,700	10,700	0.0%	5.9%
Machinery Manufacturing	12,400	11,200	11,200	11,300	0.9%	-8.9%
Industrial Machinery Manufacturing	6,100	5,500	5,600	5,600	0.0%	-8.2%
Commercial and Service Industry Manufacturi	3,900	3,400	3,400	3,500	2.9%	-10.3%
ResidualOther General Purpose Machinery Ma	2,400	2,300	2,200	2,200	0.0%	-8.3%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	113,000	113,500	113,500	113,800	0.3%	0.7%
Computer and Peripheral Equipment Manufac	29,700	31,200	31,300	31,300	0.0%	5.4%
Electronic Computer Manufacturing	24,800	26,400	26,500	26,600	0.4%	7.3%
ResidualOther Computer and Peripheral Eq	4,900	4,800	4,800	4,700	-2.1%	-4.1%
Residual-Audio and Video Equip Mfg	8,200	7,700	7,700	7,800	1.3%	-4.9%
Semiconductor and Electronic Component Ma	51,400	51,200	51,100	51,300	0.4%	-0.2%
Bare Printed Circuit Board Manufacturing	7,500	7,400	7,400	7,500	1.4%	0.0%
Semiconductor and Related Devices Manufa	33,600	34,400	34,400	34,500	0.3%	2.7%
ResidualOther Semiconductor and Electroni	10,300	9,400	9,300	9,300	0.0%	-9.7%
Electronic Instrument Manufacturing	19,700	19,600	19,600	19,500	-0.5%	-1.0%
Magnetic Media Manufacturing and Reproduc	4,000	3,800	3,800	3,900	2.6%	-2.5%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	9,300	9,200	9,300	9,400	1.1%	1.1%
Residual-Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,300	8,400	1.2%	1.2%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	12,800	12,900	12,700	12,600	-0.8%	-1.6%
Nondurable Goods	12,000	12,400	12,400	12,400	0.0%	3.3%
Food Manufacturing	3,300	3,600	3,600	3,400	-5.6%	3.0%
Residual-Beverage and Tobacco Product Mfg	5,100	5,200	5,200	5,300	1.9%	3.9%
Chemical Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,700	2.8%	2.8%
Service Providing	648,900	648,400	650,100	651,300	0.2%	0.4%
Private Service Providing	555,100	552,700	553,500	555,900	0.4%	0.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	133,700	130,200	131,700	133,800	1.6%	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	34,500	35,400	35,200	35,000	-0.6%	1.4%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	23,500	24,400	24,400	24,400	0.0%	3.8%
Residual-Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable G	11,000	11,000	10,800	10,600	-1.9%	-3.6%
Retail Trade	85,600	81,900	83,900	86,200	2.7%	0.7%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	8,000	7,500	7,300	7,400	1.4%	-7.5%
Building Material and Garden Equipment Stores	6,600	7,100	6,800	6,700	-1.5%	1.5%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,100	16,000	16,000	16,000	0.0%	-0.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	4,900	4,600	4,500	4,800	6.7%	-2.0%

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Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	10,000	9,600	10,300	10,700	3.9%	7.0%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	5,200	4,800	5,100	5,500	7.8%	5.8%
General Merchandise Stores	14,100	12,700	14,000	14,600	4.3%	3.5%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	20,700	19,600	19,900	20,500	3.0%	-1.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	13,600	12,900	12,600	12,600	0.0%	-7.4%
Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	12,200	11,500	11,200	11,200	0.0%	-8.2%
Residual-Air Transportation	9,500	9,000	8,700	8,600	-1.1%	-9.5%
Couriers and Messengers	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,600	4.0%	-3.7%
Information	33,800	33,900	34,200	34,500	0.9%	2.1%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	11,300	11,500	11,500	11,600	0.9%	2.7%
Newspaper, Periodical, Book and Directory Pub	2,800	2,600	2,600	2,700	3.8%	-3.6%
Software Publishers	8,500	8,900	8,900	8,900	0.0%	4.7%
Residual-Motion Picture and Sound Recording	3,300	3,200	3,300	3,400	3.0%	3.0%
Telecommunications	5,000	4,800	4,900	4,900	0.0%	-2.0%
Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals a	14,200	14,400	14,500	14,600	0.7%	2.8%
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Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services	3,900	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	2.6%
Financial Activities	35,300	35,400	35,400	35,700	0.8%	1.1%
Finance and Insurance	20,600	20,200	20,100	20,200	0.5%	-1.9%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	11,600	11,700	11,700	11,800	0.9%	1.7%
Residual-Securities, Commodity Contracts and	3,900	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	-7.7%
Insurance Carriers and Related	5,100	4,900	4,800	4,800	0.0%	-5.9%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	14,700	15,200	15,300	15,500	1.3%	5.4%
Real Estate	10,200	10,300	10,300	10,300	0.0%	1.0%
Residual-Rental and Leasing Services	4,500	4,900	5,000	5,200	4.0%	15.6%
Professional and Business Services	165,300	164,900	164,100	165,000	0.5%	-0.2%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	97,000	95,500	95,200	95,400	0.2%	-1.6%
Legal Services	8,000	7,800	7,800	7,900	1.3%	-1.3%
Accounting, Tax Preparation and Bookkeeping	6,000	6,000	5,900	6,000	1.7%	0.0%
Architectural, Engineering and Related Services	11,100	10,200	10,100	9,900	-2.0%	-10.8%
Computer Systems Design and Related Service	42,600	42,700	42,600	42,600	0.0%	0.0%
Scientific Research and Development Services	17,500	17,600	17,600	17,700	0.6%	1.1%
residual-Other Professional, Scientific and Tech	11,800	11,200	11,200	11,300	0.9%	-4.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	15,300	13,900	14,000	14,100	0.7%	-7.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	53,000	55,500	54,900	55,500	1.1%	4.7%
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Employment Services	24,600	26,600	26,400	27,000	2.3%	9.8%
Investigation and Security Services	6,200	6,100	6,000	6,100	1.7%	-1.6%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	14,500	14,900	15,100	14,900	-1.3%	2.8%
Residual-Other Support Services	5,700	5,900	5,400	5,500	1.9%	-3.5%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
Educational and Health Services	95,900	95,800	96,700	96,400	-0.3%	0.5%
Educational Services	28,600	27,800	28,400	28,200	-0.7%	-1.4%
Residual-Elementary and Secondary Schools	8,200	8,200	8,300	8,200	-1.2%	0.0%
Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools	20,400	19,600	20,100	20,000	-0.5%	-2.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	67,300	68,000	68,300	68,200	-0.1%	1.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	24,600	24,500	24,700	24,600	-0.4%	0.0%
Offices of Physicians	9,200	9,500	9,500	9,500	0.0%	3.3%
Residual-Other Ambulatory Health Care Ser	15,400	15,000	15,200	15,100	-0.7%	-1.9%
Hospitals	23,600	24,400	24,400	24,500	0.4%	3.8%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	9,600	9,700	9,800	9,700	-1.0%	1.0%
Social Assistance	9,500	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0%	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	66,300	67,300	66,300	65,400	-1.4%	-1.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9,300	10,200	9,200	8,300	-9.8%	-10.8%
Accommodation and Food Service	57,000	57,100	57,100	57,100	0.0%	0.2%

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Accommodation	7,700	8,100	8,300	8,400	1.2%	9.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	49,300	49,000	48,800	48,700	-0.2%	-1.2%
Residual-Full-Service Restaurants	28,800	29,000	29,000	28,900	-0.3%	0.3%
Limited-Service Eating Places	20,500	20,000	19,800	19,800	0.0%	-3.4%
Other Services	24,800	25,200	25,100	25,100	0.0%	1.2%
Repair and Maintenance	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,100	3.8%	5.2%
Personal and Laundry Services	17,100	17,400	17,300	17,000	-1.7%	-0.6%
Government	93,800	95,700	96,600	95,400	-1.2%	1.7%
Federal Government	10,200	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0%	-4.9%
Other Federal Government	9,200	8,700	8,700	8,700	0.0%	-5.4%
Department of Defense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
State and Local Government	83,600	86,000	86,900	85,700	-1.4%	2.5%
State Government	7,400	7,500	7,600	7,600	0.0%	2.7%
State Government Education	4,100	4,200	4,300	4,300	0.0%	4.9%
Other State Government	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	76,200	78,500	79,300	78,100	-1.5%	2.5%
Local Government Education	41,500	43,400	44,100	42,900	-2.7%	3.4%
County	16,700	17,200	17,300	17,300	0.0%	3.6%
City	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	0.0%	0.0%
Other Local Government	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-2.5%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California State Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Janice Shriver-408/558-0689 or Ruth Kavanagh (650/413-1812)

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